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DIASSUWODA 237-83

SUMMARY OF
SIGNIFICANT UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE
AND CIVIL DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES
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GUATEMALA: PLANS CONTINUE FOR ATTACK ON U.S. EMBASSY (S/NF/NC/NN/ORCON)

(S/NF/NC/NN/ORCON) The Moscow-line orthodox faction of Guatemalan Labor (Communist) Party (PGT/O) is continuing with plans to attack the U.S. Embassy. The reporting indicates that the attack would most likely be staged against the busy Consulate section of the U.S. Embassy compound. While it remains unclear what form the attack would take, one possibility is to have two women carry either weapons or explosives in their handbags into the Consulate area.

(S/NF/NC/NN/ORCON) Comment: The PGT/O appears to be serious about striking at some visible symbol of the U.S. during December or January. In DIASSUWODA 235-83, we reported on PGT-O plans to attack the U.S. Marine Security Guard (MSG) Detachment. Earlier reporting (DIASSUWODAs 58-83, 221-83, 219-83, 217-83, 214-83, 226-83) dealt with targeting the U.S. Ambassador and the U.S. Defense Attache, the strafing of the residence of the U.S. Ambassador, various schemes to car bomb the U.S. and Israeli Embassies, and the possibility of an RPG-2 attack on the U.S. Ambassador's car. In addition to the PGT/O, two other Guatemalan terrorist groups have been cited during the recent past as possible attackers. The U.S. Embassy in Guatemala City is a substantial structure of cement and steel with public access streets adjacent to it on all four sides. The Embassy is surrounded by a metal bar fence approximately 12 feet high. The entrance to the Consulate section is one of the three entrances into the U.S. Embassy compound. While the security program for the U.S. Embassy has been described as the best in the region, the recent series of threats has resulted in new plans to further upgrade, adjust, and otherwise enhance existing security measures. The final result of these measures should provide an improvement to the post's already broad-based security response capability and may well further complicate terrorist planning.

SEYCHELLES: ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE U.S. OFFICIALS AND SABOTAGE THE U.S. TRACKING STATION (C/NF)

(C/NF) The Government of the Seychelles (GOS) has claimed to have penetrated a group of conspirators in the latest attempt to overthrow the GOS by the Movement for the Resistance (MPR). Allegedly included in the plot were plans to kill the U.S. Ambassador, the U.S. Embassy Consular Officer, and the commander of the U.S. tracking station. GOS spokesman alleged the killings were to be carried out simultaneously with a sabotage attack on the tracking station in order to make it appear that the GOS had lost total control, thereby creating

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